18. The system of claim 17, wherein:

a second appliance of the plurality of appliances includes a second appliance component for effecting a second primary function independent of security; and

the alarm activation processor is integrated in the second appliance.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein:

the status reporter and the alarm activation processor each comprise a respective HAVi-compliant module to facilitate communicating the status via the network.

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20. The system of claim 18, wherein:

the status reporter and the alarm activation processor each comprise a respective Home API-compliant module to facilitate communicating the status via the network.

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21. The system of claim 18, further including:

a third appliance having a second alarm activation processor, operably coupled to the status reporter via the network, for receiving the status and effecting a second alarm response dependent on the status.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein

the second alarm response is also dependent upon a status of the second appliance.

23. The system of claim 21, wherein

the alarm activation processor is further configured to effect the alarm response in further dependence upon a rule base that is associated with the first appliance, and

the second alarm activation processor is further configured to effect the second alarm response dependent upon a second rule base associated with the first appliance.

24. The system of claim 17, further including

an area security devices that is configured to detect an area status of an area;

wherein:

the activation processor is also operably coupled to the area security device and is further configured to effect the alarm response dependent on the area status.

25. The system of claim 17, wherein

the alarm activation processor is further configured to effect the alarm response in further dependence upon a rule base that is associated with the first appliance.

26. An electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance comprising:

an appliance component that is configured to effect a primary function independent of security; and

an interface to a network that facilitates a control of the appliance component via communications on the network,

a status reporter that is configured to communicate a status of the appliance via the network;

wherein the security system has an alarm activation processor operably coupled to the status reporter via the network for receiving the status and effecting an alarm response dependent on the status.

27. The appliance of claim 26, wherein the status reporter is HAVi compliant.

28. The appliance of claim 26 wherein the status reporter is Home API compliant.

29. An electronic appliance for use in a security system, the appliance comprising:

an appliance component that is configured to effect a primary function independent of security;

an interface to a network that facilitates a control of the appliance component via communications on the network, and

an alarm activation processor that is configured to effect an alarm response dependent on a status received from a status reporter of an other appliance via the network.

30. The appliance of claim 29, wherein the alarm activation processor is HAVi compliant.

31. The appliance of claim 29, wherein the alarm activation processor is Home API compliant.

32. The appliance of claim 29, wherein

the alarm activation processor is also operably coupled to an area security device that provides an area status and

the alarm response is further dependent on the area status.

33. The appliance of claim 29, wherein the alarm activation processor is further configured to effect the alarm response in dependence upon a rule base that is associated with the other appliance.